

15. The mouse pad unit according to claim 13, wherein said data storage read / write device comprises a disk drive read / write device.
16. The mouse pad unit according to claim 13, wherein said data storage read / write device comprises a removable hard drive read / write device.
17. The mouse pad unit according to claim 13, wherein said data storage read / write device comprises a DVD read / write device.
18. A mouse pad unit comprising a mouse pad and a data storage read device integrated with said mouse pad.
19. The mouse pad unit according to claim 18, wherein said data storage read device comprises a CD-ROM read device.
20. The mouse pad unit according to claim 18, wherein said data storage read device comprises a disk drive read device.
21. The mouse pad unit according to claim 18, wherein said data storage read device comprises a removable hard drive read device.
22. The mouse pad unit according to claim 18, wherein said data storage read device comprises a DVD read device.
23. A mouse pad unit comprising a mouse pad and a peripheral device integrated with said mouse pad.
24. The unit according to claim 3, 8, 13, 18, or 23, additionally comprising means for communicating data between said unit and a computing device.
25. The unit according to claim 24, additionally comprising text placed on an exterior surface of said mouse pad.
26. The unit according to claim 24, additionally comprising a graphical image placed on an exterior surface of said mouse pad.
27. The unit according to claim 24, wherein said means for communicating data comprises a cable.
28. The unit according to claim 24, wherein said means for communicating data comprises a wireless communication device.
29. The unit according to claims 1, 3, 8, 13, 18, or 23, additionally comprising text placed on an exterior surface of said mouse pad.
30. The unit according to claims 1, 3, 8, 13, 18, or 23, additionally comprising a graphical image placed on an exterior surface of said mouse pad.
31. A method for uploading data to a computer, comprising providing a mouse pad unit with a data storage read device integrated with a mouse pad, and inserting a data storage media into said mouse pad unit, and uploading data from said media

onto a computer connected to said mouse pad unit.

32. An advertising system, comprising a mouse pad having at least one exterior surface, a data storage device integrated with said mouse pad, and advertising placed on said exterior surface.

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Patent Claims:

1. A unit which comprises a card read/write device,  
5 characterized in that the unit is formed by  
a mouse pad which is adapted to be connected to a computer so that the connection creates a link between the computer and the card read/write device.
- 10 2. A unit according to claim 1, characterized in that the card read/write device is formed by a SmartCard unit.